

POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB - NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1999

PVRC CALENDAR

Weekly	Wed	BWI Regional weekly breakfast. Wednesdays 7:30 am, Basil's Deli, Elkridge Landing Rd near BWI.
Monthly	Fri	SWVA meeting night and location varies each month. Please check with K4IQ.
Monthly		Over-the-Hill Lunch Bunch. Date to be announced. Hosts listed on reference page.
summer		SWVA picnic to be hosted by John Mitchell, K4IQ. Date TBA.
Aug 5	Thu	PVRC/NC meeting, Ryans at Crossroads Shopping Center, Cary, NC.
Aug 14	Sat	NCDXA/PVRC Fowlfest at W3YOZ park, Churchton, MD at 12:00 noon
Aug 14/15		Maryland/DC QSO party.
Aug 17	Tue	Northwest meeting, Tully's Grill, 1080 W. Patrick St, Frederick, MD at 7:30 pm
Aug 17	Tue	Normal night for Tidewater Colony meeting with VA-DXCC. See reference page.
Aug 28	Sat	PVRC/NC meeting/cookout at home of K4MA, Fuquay Varina, NC.
Sep 13	Mon	Next Central meeting

NCDXA/PVRC FOWLFEET SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH:

It's Fowlfest time!. The joint PVRC and NCDXA meeting will be hosted again by Marty, W3YOZ, at his "park" near Annapolis. Festivities start at noon on Saturday, August 14, with BBQ chicken and drinks. Some folks may bring the optional salad, dessert or other munchies. Everybody should bring a big appetite!
Directions:

>From Bridge: I-95/I-495 to MD Route 4 (PA Ave. South/East); turn off at MD Route 258 (Bristol/Deale); take 258 to MD Route 256; turn left and go to Rodgers Road; turn right, go to gravel road on left, turn left; go to 1062 sign turn right and go to picnic grounds at the water's edge.

>From U.S. DC Beltway/50: Take Beltway to Route 50; take Route 50 east; after crossing Patuxent River the next turnoff is MD Route 424 (Davidsonville Road); take 424 and continue until it dead ends at MD Route 2; turn right, go 200 feet and turn left on Mill Swamp Road; continue to MD Route 468 (Muddy Creek Road); turn right on 468 and to MD Route 256 (look for Smith's Building Supply); turn right on MD Route 256 and continue to Rodgers Road (first left after the Churchton Post Office); turn left on Rodgers Road, go to gravel road on left; turn left, go to 1062 sign, turn right and go to water's edge.

>From I-97: Take I-97 South to MD Route 665 (Allen Blvd.); take 665 to MD Route 2; take Route 2 south to Mill Swamp Road (first left after Route 424 on right); take Mill Swamp Road to MD Route 468 and follow the directions above.

W3AO 7A FIELD DAY by Frank Donovan, W3LPL

Band	Mode	QSOs
160	CW	7
160	SSB	12
80	CW	320
80	SSB	439
40	CW	1141
40	SSB	1120
20	CW	1156
20	SSB	1803
15	CW	533
15	SSB	1136
10	CW	99
10	SSB	300
10	Novice	657
6	CW	22
6	SSB	331
2	CW	12
2	SSB	53
222	CW	4
222	SSB	3
432	CW	4
432	SSB	9

Total CW QSOs	3298
Total SSB QSOs	5864
TOTAL QSOs	9162
Final score:	26,226 points

PVRC's operation was from Tolchester Beach on the Upper Eastern Shore of Maryland. The QTH is a 35 foot bluff directly on the shore of Chesapeake Bay, overlooking salt water to the west.

The line-of-sight from the W3AO site is entirely over salt water for ten miles from an azimuth of approximately 200 degrees thru 25 degrees. Our Field Day operation was spread out over approximately 700 feet of the bluff, just back from its face.

We used nine 50 foot AB-577 "rocket launcher" masts, each located just 30 feet from the edge of the bluff. The 8 HF stations (including novice) consisted of five FT-1000MPs, two FT-1000Ds, and one TS-950SD.

We used dipoles on 160, 80 CW, 75 SSB, and 40, a Cushcraft 402CD Yagis for 40 CW and another one on 40 SSB, a 3 element monoband Yagi for 20 CW and another one for 20 SSB, a 3 element monoband Yagi for 15 CW and another one for 15 SSB, a 3 element monoband Yagi for 10 meters and another for the Novice, a 5 element monoband Yagi for 6 meters, and somewhat larger Yagis for 2M, 222 MHz and 432 MHz.

Who says Field Day is not a contest??

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W3LEO notes that N1FD reported 24,726 as a 28A entry; W3AO may have beaten all US categories. -editor

NW REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES - JULY 20, 1999 By Greg Altig, N5OKR
([\[email protected\]](#))

In attendance were members N5OKR, K3SX, K3IXD, W8ZA, WD3A, W3EKT, K3LP, K3UG, N3UMA, K2UOP, K8OQL, and KB3CBW and guest Melissa Altig.

Business:

N5OKR, Greg, welcomed the members and introduced his daughter, Melissa, who had just arrived the previous Saturday from W6-land to spend the rest of summer vacation experiencing the humidity of the "right" coast. She was celebrating her 15th birthday that night with some of Tully's finest cuisine.

>From the introductions:

K3SX, Sid, has been working some 6m and 2m, and has managed to bag Puerto Rico on 6. He is also up on 432MHz ATV now, radiating a respectable 3W.

WD3A, Tom, worked FD from home as a 1E entry and logged 400 Qs.

W3EKT, Ed, has been busy up at the K3MQH VHF superstation Working on the microwave bands there in preparation for the September VHF 'test.

KB3CBW, Nat, was active in FD as a 1D entry and also took part in the recent IARU contest. In the latter, he logged 360K points with just a vertical and a G5RV. Next up for Nat is the MD/DC QSO Party next month.

Brain-teaser of the day: Nat recently bought a piece of property and, climbing to the top of the hill, saw one of his new neighbors is also an aluminum farmer. He saw two large towers, the taller one still awaiting antennas. Anyone know who Nat's new neighbor is? Here is an additional hint: the tower owner is a very prominent PVRC member.

K8OQL, Jerry, worked FD from the new N4MM "dream" QTH and provided us with an update on W9LT, who is soon to depart the area.

K3IXD, Ed, has a new Icom 746 he rung out during the IARU, and found the cause for the poor audio reports he received during that 'test. His new 220MHz module for the FT-736 didn't work, so it was back to the factory for that piece.

K2UOP, Tom, reports no 6m openings during FD and reminds us that the September VHF contest is now a club competition event. W8ZA, Robert, continues his M/M contest station upgrade with new hardline ready to go up. He also told us his TS-850 was back from "Little Pink Chicken" (KA3LPC) in record time after burning up the front end.

K3UG, Barry, has his new call, a new job, and very little radio activity right now.

N3UMA, Ben, operated the June VHF contest from Gambrill State Park on 6m, but caught no skip. He also played a little in the IARU contest. Most importantly, Ben found out his log wasn't "in the books" at the ARRL for this year's phone and CW contests. All is well now, though, by sending his log again with proof of the original submission.

Meeting adjourned.

OTH LUNCHEON, 20 JULY 1999 by Andy Anderson, W3XE

On 20 July 1999 the Over The Hill Gang met for their monthly luncheon at the Holiday Inn in College Park, MD. Nine of the bast were there. A couple who had made reservations I guess couldn't get kitchen passes so missed out.

In attendance were W3ABC, K3ZO, K6IR, W3UJ, N3YDT, W3CP, K3WX, W3EDZ and W3XE. The guest host for this meeting was K3WX as I didn't know if I could make it or not. He did a good job in getting the restaurant lined up.

The first topic under discussion was Henry's, W3UJ complaint about being called old. Well, if you know Henry he is anything but old. Other and sundry subjects were discussed but we did agree to meet again next month in VA if Ben, AA4XU gets back from vacation. Before I retired I couldn't understand why retired people had to take vacations but now that the shoe is on my foot I fully understand.

If you are an old time PVRC member and can get a kitchen pass, you may join this distinguish group send me an email at [\[email protected\]](#) or call 301 384 7771. We generally meet on the second or third Wednesday of the month.

F.A.R.FEST '99 AT A NEW LOCATION (edited from a FAR press release)

The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) will sponsor the 42nd annual F.A.R.Fest amateur radio hamfest on Sunday, September 26, 1999, at Prince George's Stadium 1/4 mile south of the junction of US-50 on US-301 in Bowie, Maryland between Washington, DC and Annapolis, Maryland. This is a new location for F.A.R.Fest.

General admission tickets into F.A.R.Fest '99 are \$5.00 at the gate; \$10.00 for tailgating, which requires the purchase of general admission. Vendors and other exhibitors should contact Mary Morris, N4TCI at [\[email protected\]](#), or at 703-971-3905 for more information.

For general information on F.A.R.Fest '99, contact Al Brown, KZ3AB, 8645 Tower Dr, Laurel, MD 20723-1244, or at [\[email protected\]](#), or at 301-490-3188.

More details and directions to the new location will be in the September PVRC Newsletter.

SHORT NOTES BY THE EDITOR, K3DI

My wife's son, Philip John Fry, age 29, died suddenly in his home in Baltimore County on July 7th. His memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM on August 7th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Road off Bestgate road.

Did you catch Don Lynch's article in May QST titled "The Norwegian Lady?" It was on page 31. Don is president of Tidewater PVRC Chapter.

Pete Soper, KS4XG passed the word that the July NC chapter meeting didn't happen. The next regular NC monthly meeting will be at Ryans in Cary on Thursday the 5th of August. A meeting and cookout will be held on Saturday the 28th August at the K4MA QTH in Fuquay Varina, NC.

Have you sent your reunion score to K3DI? Add W6UM to the scores in the last issue; he had 107Q 14S for 2996. Chas joined PVRC in '56 as W6HOH.

1999 MARYLAND/DC QSO PARTY

The MDC QSO Party will run on August 14th 1600 to August 15th 0400 UTC and August 15th 1600-2300 UTC. There are plaques and certificates to be awarded. Scores are to be sent by Sept 1st to the sponsor, Antietam Radio Association, PO Box 52, Hagerstown, MD 21740-0052.

MD stations work anybody while other stations work only MD stations. Exchange QTH and entry category. The QTH is county for MD stations and others send state or country. (VE provinces no longer count as separate multipliers.) Categories and associated points per QSO are: Club 10, Mobile 5, Technician 4, QRP 4, CW or RTTY 3, and Standard 1.

Multipliers for non-MD stations are the MD county, Balto city, & DC (25 possible). MD stations count the basic 25 above, 49 other states and DX countries.

Suggested voice frequencies are 3.92, 7.23, 14.268, 21.37, 28.38, 50.15, 146.55, & 146.58 MHz. CW on 3.643, 3.7, 7.07, 7.126, 14.055, 21.115, 28.055, & VHF/UHF. Try CW on odd half hours such as 1730, etc.

The score is QSO points times the SUM of the multipliers. Multipliers do not repeat on each band.

Questions may be sent to [\[email protected\]](#) or [\[email protected\]](#).

REFERENCE PAGE. Please send corrections to the editor. No changes in July.

PVRC Officers

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PVRC Charter Members:

W3GRF (SK), W4AAV (SK), W4KFC (SK), N0FFZ (SK),
W4LUE, W7YS, VP2VI (W0DX), W3IKN, W4KFT.

PacketCluster Contest/DX System, MHz:

W3LPL	Glenwood MD	145.590	441.250
KE3Q	Bowie MD	145.570	445.375
N3RR	Rockville MD	145.510	441.325
N4OHE	Mt.Weather VA	145.710	440.925
K3MQH	S Mountain PA	145.630	
WR3L	Baltimore MD	145.610	440.950
N4SR	Woodbridge VA	145.630	*
K4FJ	Mt. Vernon VA	145.770	*
KE3QZ	Hollywood MD	145.690	*
K3SKE	Frederick MD	144.930	

This system is sponsored by the Potomac Valley DX Spotting Network
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PVRC on Internet.

PVRC web site by K3SA:

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PVRC/NC web site by KS4XG

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hopefully at least \$10. Club gets a cut from ARRL renewals
sent via PVRC. Both dues and renewal checks should be made to
PVRC and sent to Dave Baugher, WR3L, 615 Rockway Beach Av,
Baltimore, MD 21221. Thank you.

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The Newsletter deadline is normally ABOUT the day after the
third Friday of each month. The FAR deadline is 60 days prior
to the issue date.

CENTRAL: The Central Meeting is always the second Monday
(except June, July, and August) at 7:30 pm. The central

meeting generally alternates between MD and VA locations. A pre-meeting dinner is usually held between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Check via 147- repeater.

VA LOCATION: The Patrick Henry (Public) Library, Route 123, Vienna, VA. Pre-meeting dinner at Outback, Old Branch Ave.

MD LOCATION: Church of the Nativity (Episcopal), Route 5, Temple Hills, MD. Pre-meeting dinner at Topolino's.

NORTHWEST: Greg Altig 410-775-7313 [\[email protected\]](#). Meets at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday every month at Tully's Grill, 1080 W. Patrick St, Frederick, MD. Same center as Shoppers Food Warehouse. Essentially includes WEST VIRGINIA area.

NORTH CAROLINA: Chair: Jim Stevens, K4MA, [\[email protected\]](#); Sec: Pete Soper, KS4XG, [\[email protected\]](#), hm: 919-362-4635, wk: 919-481-6874. Activities: Jim Stevens, K4MA. POC is K4MA & KS4XG. Howie Hoyt, N4AF, [\[email protected\]](#) is PVRC reflector editor. PVRC/NC meets at 6:00 pm the first Thursday of every month at Ryan's Family Steakhouse at Crossroads in Cary.

TIDEWATER (VA) COLONY OF PVRC:
Don Lynch W4ZYT 757-486-0728 [\[email protected\]](#). Meetings are the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of every month in conjunction with the VA DXCC at The Family Buffet, Virginia Beach Blvd at Newtown Road. Dinnter at 1830 and meeting at 1925.

SOUTHWEST VA CHAPTER: Coordinator: John Mitchell, K4IQ, Catawba, VA 540-384-7377, [\[email protected\]](#). Monthly meetings alternate between Roanoke area locations

THE BWI REGIONAL/PVRC: Weekly breakfast Wed at 7:30 AM at Basil's Deli Port on Elkrdige Landing Rd 1/4 mile South of Winterson Road 410-850-4333. Director: Ike Lawton, W2EOS, 410-263-2830. Secretary: Howard Leake, W6AXX, 410-465-7008, [\[email protected\]](#).

OVER-THE-HILL LUNCH BUNCH: Rotating hosts announces meeting info. Ben Shaver, AA4XU, 703-534-4740; Andy Anderson, W3XE, 301-384-7771, [\[email protected\]](#), Holiday Inn, College Park MD; and Bill Leavitt, W3AZ, 301-292-5797, Ramada Inn, Oxon Hill

PENNSYLVANIA: Steve Cutshall, K3TZV, [\[email protected\]](#), 717-763-0462.

RAPPAHANNOCK: Steve Bookout, NR4M (ex-NJ4F) [\[email protected\]](#). Also, Larry Schimelpfenig, K7SV, [\[email protected\]](#).

WOODBIDGE: Jack O'Mara W4NF, [\[email protected\]](#) 703-680-4106 and Cliff Deel W4CE, [\[email protected\]](#) 703-491-0841

CENTRAL VA: Bob Morris, W4MYA 804-457-9011 [\[email protected\]](#).

SOUTHERN MD: Chair: Barry Shapiro, WR3Z. H:301-862-2466

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Usually on the first Monday of Sep, Dec, Mar, and May at N1WR's.

EASTERN-SHORE (DEL-MAR-VA): Dallas Carter, W3PP 302-875-0550

[\[email protected\]](#)

WEST (Shenandoah, etc): Chair vacant

NORTHEAST: WR3L, see info above

EAST (Annapolis): KE3Q, see info above

OTHER MEETINGS based on prior year(s):

May.	Meeting at Dayton Hamvention
Jun.	W3LPL open house Sat before Field Day. With joint FRC/PVRC meeting on alternate years. (1999, 2001,...)
summer.	When joint FRC/PVRC is at FRC, they announce the date.
Jul.	PVRC/NC cook out
Jul.	Open house, W4MYA, Goochland,
Aug.	NCDXA/PVRC Fowlfest at W3Y0Z
Aug.	VHF++ meeting/workshop at ND3F
Sep.	PVRC meeting at the FARfest Bowie
Sep.	Open house, WR3L, Baltimore
Dec.	Christmas dinner, DC area.

5 MILLION (CLUB COMPETITION) AWARD

Month and number of the full week end.

Jan 3	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
Jan Last	CQWW 160m CW
Feb 3	ARRL DX CW
Feb Last	CQWW 160m SSB
Mar 1	ARRL DX SSB
Mar Last	CQWW WPX SSB
May Last	CQWW WPX CW
Oct Last	CQWW DX SSB
Nov 1	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 3	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov Last	CQWW DX CW
Dec 1	ARRL 160m Mixed
Dec 2	ARRL 10m Mixed

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Roster updates at: <http://www.pvrc.org/pvrcmm98.htm>

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